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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, CY SUBJECT: TURKISH F-4S

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- 1. GOC FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS CALLED DCM IN MARCH 29 OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS A MINOR ISSUE OF TURK CYPRIOT PROPAGANDA AIMED AT PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. CONVERSATION QUICKLY TURNED TO WHAT WAS MORE OBVIOUS CONCERN OF GOC: TURKISH F-4 PROBLEM.
- 2. PELAGHIAS SAID GOC HAS HAD REPORTS FROM CONGRESS THAT THE "STATE DEPARTMENT" IS TRYING TO "LIFT THE EMBARGO" AGAINST TURKEY TO PERMIT FMS CREDIT FOR F-4'S. HE UNDERSTOOD CONGRESS WOULD NOT APPROVE BUT FEARED DEPARTMENT MIGHT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO HELP TURKEY. THIS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL CONFIDENTIAL

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IN VIENNA WITH TALKS TO BEGIN IN TWO DAYS AS IT WOULD MAKE TURKISH SIDE MORE INTRANSIGENT. WHAT IS NEEDED IS "PRESSURE" NOT ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOT.

3. DCM CLARIFIED THAT POSSIBILITY OF SOME SUCH COURSE WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON ARMS ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. HE POINTED OUT THAT TURKS MUST MAKE A PAYMENT ON

F-4'S BY APRIL 30, HAVE USED FMS CREDITS AND ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM PAYING CASH. USG EFFORT IS TO ASSIST IN SOLVING TECHNICAL PROBLEM OF PAYMENT IN AN ON-GOING PROGRAM. IT DOES NOT IMPLY "PRESSURE" OR "LACK OF PRESSURE" ON GOT.
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